



ANDREAS SCHOOL NEWS



April 6th 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Another term has gone by in the blink of an eye! It's hard to believe the Easter holidays are here and we will soon be in the Summer term.

Venture Centre

Year 6 will start their Venture Centre experience on Monday 24th April. Details have already been sent out but I'd like to stress the importance of the children packing their own items so they know what they're taking. Mrs Cottier is giving up a significant amount of her own time to facilitate this trip. Without her, it wouldn't happen, so a huge thank you Mrs C! Also thanks to Mrs Hawkins, Miss Brindley and Mrs Phillips for giving up a couple of nights each for a sleepover.

Sports Day

Apologies for the change in date, I hope it hasn't inconvenienced anybody too much. The House Captains and Vice Captains will have a Manx Breast Cancer Support Group bucket on the day so feel free to bring in all your loose change!

Active Learn and Reading

Home Learning is optional but I hope you've had a chance to access the Active Learn opportunities which support reading, spelling and grammar. The children love logging on in school so it would be great for them if they could continue this fun learning at home. Please do find time to read with your child at home, especially if they are still learning to decode the words. Five or ten minutes a day will have a significant impact on your child's skill set. **It really is simple; children who read regularly at home make better progress than those who don't.**

Essential First Aid

Louise Thomas from Cub Paediatric First Aid is willing to run a training session for parents and other family members in school if there is sufficient interest. The sessions cover CPR, choking, burns, scalds, head injuries, seizures, allergic reactions etc and are really informative for basic first aid. If you would be interested in attending a session held at school, please let me know.

Returning Books

Please make sure your child brings any books sent home back to school. Guided reading books are bought in sets so it's really important they are returned so they can be used for other groups of children.

Ash Randal

Ash is a professional free style footballer and World Record Breaker who will be visiting us on the afternoon of Friday 28th April. He'll do a demonstration of his skills in an assembly and will try to set a world record while he is here. The Year 6 children will be back from the Venture Centre in time so they won't miss out. There will be posters and wristbands for sale at a cost of £1 each if you'd like to buy any. If you haven't heard of him, follow this link to get an idea of his unique skills.

<https://ashfreestyle.com/>

Attendance

Attendance of less than 90% has a significant negative impact on a child's learning. This information is not meant to be punitive or judgemental in any way, I appreciate that time away from school is not always parental choice. However, it is important to manage your expectations for your child and to realise that poor attendance and regular lateness is detrimental for them. Please contact me if you'd like more information regarding your child's attendance.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club starts at 8 a.m. The volunteers need time to set up so if you drop your child at school before then, they will not be supervised. Please only use the Club if you genuinely need your child looking after before school as numbers are in danger of becoming unmanageable. Also, it would be really helpful if you could pay as much in advance as possible. Thank you.

Swimming

Swimming has now finished for the school year, it will restart in September. Your child will still need a full P.E. kit in school each day as we will, hopefully, make the most of the Summer weather and have more P.E. lessons outside. They need pumps, shorts and a t-shirt but can bring tracksuits for outside lessons in the cooler weather.

Allergies

The usual message! Please mark your child's lunch/snack box if it contains dairy or nuts. Thank you.

School Dinner/Milk monies Summer Term 2022/23

Dinners @ £2.35 per day

1st half term (26 days)	2nd half term (28 days)	Full Term
£61.10	£65.80	£126.90

Milk @ 26p per day

1st half term (26 days)	2nd half term (28 days)	Full Term
£ 6.76	£ 7.28	£14.04

Please ensure you pay in advance of each half/full term if your child requires milk. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Trish Dudley

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PROVISIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Monday, 24th April	Back to school
Monday, 24th April - Friday 28th April	Year 6 Venture Centre trip
Friday 28th April	Ash Randall visit for the whole school
Mondays, 1st and 8th May	Bank holidays
Thursday, 18th May	Crucial Crew trip for Year 6
Wednesday, 24th May	Sports Day
Thursday, 25th May	Reserve Sports Day
Monday, 29th May	Bank holiday
Friday, 2nd June	INSET day for staff
Monday, 5th June - Friday, 9th June	TT week
Monday, 12th June	Back to school
Tuesday, June 27th	Y5/6 Life Path Trip - TBC
Friday, 30th June	RGS intake day for Year 6
Saturday, July 1st	Millennium Football Tournament
Wednesday, 5th July	Tynwald Day
Tuesday, 18th July	Year 6 leavers' assembly
Wednesday, 19th July	Provisional date for whole school trip out
Friday, 21st July	Last day of the school year